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SUBJ: SAUDI FONMIN IN TEHRAN

1. SAUDI ARABIA'S FONMIN PRINCE SAUD ARRIVED IN TEHRAN JAN 16 WITH A MESSAGE FROM KING KHALID TO THE SHAH. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT, PRINCE SAUD SAID THE KING'S MESSAGE TO THE SHAH "WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOPICS DISCUSSES BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS DURING THE SHAH'S RECENT VISIT TO RIYADH"." COMMENTING ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN GENERAL, THE PRINCE SAID THAT "FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE SEEM TO BE DARK AND CONFUSED". HE ADDED, "LIKE ALL OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES, SAUDI ARABIA IS WILLING TO SUPPORT ANY ACTION THAT WILL LEAD TO AN HONORABLE AND LASTING PEACE".

2. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON THE HORN OF AFRICA, PRINCE SAUD REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD CERTAINLY HELP DEFEND SOMALIA, "IF ITS BORDERS WERE VIOLATED
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BY FOREIGN POWERS". HE ADDED THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN POWERS IN THE OGADEN WAS A "SIGN OF DANGER". HE IS QUOTED IN LOCAL PRESS AS SAYING THAT, "WE THINK THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THIS REGION DEPENDS SOLELY ON THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION. THE INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN POWERS DEFINITELY IS A DESTABILIZING FORCE."

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3. FONMIN KHALATBARY, WHO WAS PRESENT WITH THE
PRINCE AT THE INFORMAL AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE AND AT HIS
AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH, TOLD REPORTERS THAT "IRAN CONTINUES
TO ACCORD ITS FULL SUPPORT TO "PRESIDENT SADAT'S POLICY".
HE ADDED THAT "AS A WHOLE THE APPRAISAL BY THE TWO FRIENDLY
COUNTRIES OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND
THE POSSIBLE DANGERS EMENATING FROM LACK OF ESTABLISHING
PEACE ARE IDENTICAL." HE ALSO REVEALED THAT THE SHAH HAD
GIVEN PRINCE SAUD A MESSAGE FOR KING KHALID.
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